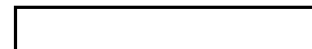


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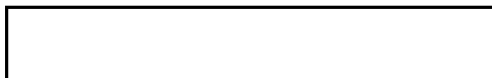
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*South Vietnam: There are many new signs of enemy preparations for additional attacks on selected cities and the Communists appear to be making substantial headway in rural areas.

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The situation in Saigon has been relatively quiet in the past few days, but firefights persist on all sides of the city.

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In the north, one of the heaviest shellings to date hit Khe Sanh on 23 February. The enemy fired over 1,300 artillery, mortar, and rocket rounds at the base, killing eight US Marines and wounding 38.

Several major cities in the north, including Da Nang, Quang Tri, and Hoi An, appear to be prime targets for new enemy attacks.

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*Laos: The anticipated Communist offensive in the Bolovens Plateau area appears to have begun.

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Preliminary reports indicate that government forces have apparently repulsed the most significant of these enemy attacks

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